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Applicants point out that new claims 51-95 recite polymerase mutants issued in parent application serial No. 08/978,806, now U.S. Patent No. 6,395,524. For the Examiner's convenience, attached as Exhibit A is a table showing the correlation between the polymerase mutants recited in new claims 51-95 and the claims issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,395,524.

Regarding the Restriction Requirement

The Restriction Requirement indicates that the claims have been restricted into the following two groups:

Group I : Claims 1-15, drawn to methods of identifying thermostable polymerase mutants; and

Group II : Claims 16-20, drawn to mutated polymerases.

In light of the cancellation of claims 1-20, it is respectfully submitted that the Restriction Requirement has been rendered moot. Regarding the species election, Applicants point out that the polymerase mutants recited in new claims 51-95 have been examined and issued in parent U.S. Patent No. 6,395,524, and it is respectfully submitted that a search of these previously issued polymerase mutants would not present an undue burden.


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CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell if there are any questions.

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APPENDIX A

New Claim in 09/972,834	Previous Claim in Patent No. 6,395,524
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